

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Bob Lake, on January 31, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Jon Sonju, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)  
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)  
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)  
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)  
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)  
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)  
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)  
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)  
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)  
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)  
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)  
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch  
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 362, 1/29/2007; HB 470,  
1/26/2007  
Executive Action: HB 362; HB 470; HB 147; HB 149  
HB 243; HB 307; HB 313; HB 257

**HEARING ON HB 362**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:47 Rep. Alan Olson (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB  
362, Authorize cancellation of certain delinquent real  
property taxes.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:46 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association  
00:11:28 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association  
of Counties

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:12:33 Rep. Pomnichowski  
00:13:30 Ronda Wiggers  
00:14:48 Rep. Ross  
00:15:36 Rep. Lambert  
00:16:36 Rep. Erickson  
00:19:10 Rep. Butcher  
00:21:47 Chairman Lake

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:22:50 Rep. Alan Olson

**HEARING ON HB 470**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:23:32 Rep. Alan Olson (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB  
470, Clarify interest and costs on property tax  
redemption.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:25:06 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association  
00:26:20 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:26:51 Rep. Alan Olson  
  
00:27:09 Break  
00:44:22 Reconvene  
  
00:44:36 Chairman Lake

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 362**

00:44:51 **Motion:** Rep. Lambert moved that HB 362 **DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:45:03 Rep. Jopek  
00:46:23 Rep. Butcher  
00:46:54 Rep. Jopek  
00:47:26 Rep. Butcher  
00:47:52 Rep. Jopek  
00:47:58 Rep. Lambert  
00:49:05 Rep. Jopek  
00:49:40 Rep. Butcher  
00:50:53 Rep. Erickson  
00:51:28 Chairman Lake

00:51:51 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by roll call vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 470**

00:53:00 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lambert moved that HB 470 **DO PASS.**  
**MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

00:53:31 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lambert moved that HB 470 **BE PLACED**  
**ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by  
voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 362**

00:54:00 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. MacLaren moved that HB 362 **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR. MOTION FAILED** 17-1 by voice vote with REP. BIXBY voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 147**

00:55:31 **Motion:** Rep. Jopek moved that HB 147 **DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

00:55:53 Rep. Jopek  
00:57:57 Rep. Erickson  
00:58:50 Rep. Nooney  
00:59:35 Rep. Vincent  
01:00:21 Rep. Cohenour  
01:00:42 Rep. McAlpin  
01:01:09 Rep. Hilbert  
01:01:51 Rep. Jopek  
01:01:57 Rep. Sonju  
01:04:05 Rep. Lambert  
01:04:35 Rep. Butcher  
01:06:17 Rep. Ross  
01:07:04 Rep. Pomnichowski  
01:07:56 Rep. Jopek

01:10:14 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** 8-10 by roll call vote with Reps. Bixby, Cohenour, Erickson, Grinde, Hamilton, Jopek, McAlpin, and Pomnichowski voting aye.

01:11:05 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cohenour moved that HB 147 **BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 149**

01:11:44 **Motion:** Rep. Jopek moved that HB 149 **DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

01:12:40 Rep. Jopek  
[EXHIBIT](#)(tah21a01)

01:13:44 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Jopek moved that HB 149 **BE AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

01:14:43 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Jopek moved that HB 149 **DO PASS AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 243**

01:15:22 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Jopek moved that HB 243 **BE TABLED. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 307**

01:16:00 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that HB 307 **DO PASS.**

01:16:40 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that HB 307 **BE AMENDED. EXHIBIT**(tah21a02)

**Discussion:**

01:16:54 Rep. Cohenour

01:18:35 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

01:18:42 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that HB 307 **DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:18:50 Rep. Grinde

01:19:23 Rep. Sonju

01:20:34 Rep. Cohenour

01:21:32 Rep. Nooney

01:22:24 Rep. Erickson

01:23:04 Jeff Martin, Legislative Services Division

01:23:51 Rep. Erickson

01:25:17 Rep. Ross

01:25:49 Rep. Hilbert

01:26:37 Rep. Cohenour

01:27:52 Rep. MacLaren

01:29:05 Rep. Butcher

01:32:03 Rep. Jopek

01:34:12 Rep. Grinde

01:35:22 Rep. Erickson

01:38:03 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** 8-10 by roll call vote with Reps. Bixby, Cohenour, Erickson, Grinde, Hamilton, Jopek, McAlpin, and Pomnichowski voting aye.

01:38:55 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cohenour moved that HB 307 **BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 313**

01:39:42 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that HB 313 **DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:39:54 Rep. Ross

01:40:24 Rep. Cohenour

01:41:12 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Grinde made a substitute motion that HB 313 **BE TABLED. SUBSTITUTE MOTION CARRIED** 17-1 by voice vote with Rep. Jopek voting no.

01:43:00 Rep. McAlpin

01:43:28 Rep. Lambert

01:44:04 Chairman Lake

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 257**

01:44:48 **Motion:** Rep. Lake moved that HB 257 **DO PASS.**

01:45:23 **Motion:** Rep. Lake moved that HB 257 **BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:45:38 Rep. Lake

01:46:11 Rep. Cohenour

01:46:21 Rep. Erickson

01:46:45 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

01:47:00 **Motion:** Rep. Lake moved that HB 257 **DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:47:06 Rep. Cohenour  
01:48:23 Rep. McAlpin  
01:48:44 Rep. Butcher  
01:51:15 Rep. Nooney  
01:51:33 Rep. Cohenour  
01:52:53 Rep. Erickson  
01:54:08 Rep. Lambert  
01:55:14 Rep. Ross  
01:55:59 Rep. Hamilton  
01:56:51 Rep. Lake

01:58:48 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** 10-8 by roll call vote with Reps. Bixby, Cohenour, Erickson, Grinde, Hamilton, Jopek, McAlpin, and Pomnichowski voting no.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:00 A.M.

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REP. BOB LAKE, Chairman

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DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([tah21aad.pdf](#))**